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1. TERENCE WOOD, WHO IS MOVING ON THIS WEEK TO ANOTHER
ASSIGNMENT, SPENT A VALEDICTORY TWO DAYS IN BONN
FEBRUARY 22-23 IN AN EXTENDED MBFR DISCUSSION WITH
FRED RUTH. RUTH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WERE PRESSURES
WITHIN THE SPD TO MODIFY THE CURRENT FRG AND NATO
APPROACH BUT STRESSED THAT THE SCHMIDT GOVERNMENT WAS
IMMUTABLY COMMITTED TO THE ESSENTIALS OF THE PRESENT
ALLIANCE POSITION. RUTH SHOWED LITTLE INCLINATION TO
SPECULATE ON WHAT MIGHT BE MBFR'S FUTURE. HE SEEMED
CONTENT TO WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF WASHINGTON'S
ONGOING ANALYSIS OF THE NEGOTIATION. WOOD SAID THIS
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RELUCTANCE BY RUTH TO DON GOSSAMER WINGS WAS NOT LEAST
BECAUSE OF HIS CONVICTION THAT THE US WOULD CONSULT
FULLY WITH THE ALLIANCE BEFORE IT LAUNCHED ANY NEW MBFR
INITIATIVE WITH THE SOVIETS. IN SUM, WOOD FOUND THE
GERMANS SOLID AS A ROCK.

2. COMMENT. IT IS NO SURPRISE THAT THE BRITISH AND

GERMANS ARE FOLLOWING THE WASHINGTON INTER-AGENCY
REVIEW OF MBFR WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND ARE
EAGERLY AWAITING THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S CONCLUSIONS.
ALTHOUGH NEITHER EXPECTS A STAR IN THE EAST TO EMERGE
FROM THIS WASHINGTON EFFORT, THEY DO WANT TO BE
INFORMED AT AN EARLY DATE IF THE US DECIDES TO MOVE
ITS TENT.
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